

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Kohshi YOSHIMURA et al.**

Serial No.: **Divisional of 09/492,742**

Group Art Unit: **2832 (prior)**

Filed: **February 11, 2002**

Examiner: **L. Donovan (prior)**

For: **RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET, AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 11, 2002

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 13-16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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**Attorney Docket No. 000028A**

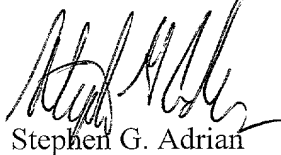
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 and 17-20 are pending. Prompt and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

In the event that any fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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